

ABSTRACT

WA-I-457

Clopper-Hoffman House
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

Mid 19th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Clopper-Hoffman House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Marsh Pike, 1.3 miles north of Paramount

CITY, TOWN

Paramount

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Hoffman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 47

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 637

Folio #: 432

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the east side of Marsh Pike, 1.3 miles north of Paramount, northeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It rests on sloping ground and faces east.

The structure is a two and one half story, four bay brick dwelling on coursed fieldstone foundations which become a full story in height at the front elevation to accommodate the steep bank into which the house was constructed. American or common bonding was used at all elevations with, generally, nine courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of brick are present above openings at the main and second story levels. A modern one and a half story addition containing a garage is attached to the south end wall. A double porch extends across the front of the ground and main stories. It is supported by square posts which appear to be original.

Windows and doors are not placed symmetrically in the walls. The casings are narrow and finished with a bead at the inside edge. Wide wood lintels are present above openings in the ground story level. Windows have six over six pane double hung sashes. Small four pane windows are present in the gables. Pairs of two panel shutters have been retained at many of the windows. Two doors are located side by side in the middle of the front elevation at the ground and main story levels. At the main story the doors have six vertical panels separated by three smaller rectangular panels running horizontally.

The roof is sheathed with modern wood shingles and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Scalloped barge boards finish the gables. Small decorative brackets trim the cornice at the front and rear of the house. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

The interior of the house is divided into three rooms at the main story. Although the interior has been altered, the house retains much original woodwork including mantels, doors, baseboard and chair rail. Two of the mantelpieces are particularly unusual, one having stylized ionic pilasters flanking the opening while the other is quite elaborate with circular blocks, molded panels and scroll cut projecting trim. The stairway was moved from its original location in the southeast corner of the house to the center of the house facing west.

Remaining outbuildings include a brick smokehouse, a frame stable and a small barn which is on a separate tract of land. The complex appears to be in excellent condition on a 2.89 acre property.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Capt. Henry Clopper

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to the Washington County Land Records, Richard Ragan sold almost 29 acres to Captain Henry Clopper for \$860 on April 28, 1860. (IN14/716). In 1880 the heirs of Henry Clopper sold the property for \$3280 to William A. and Barbara Lohr. Barbara Lohr was Henry Clopper's daughter. (79/249). In 1895 it was purchased by Emelia R. Young who owned a large adjoining tract. (104/126). The property remained in the Young family until 1953. Apparently Henry Clopper was a native of Pennsylvania.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.89 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY.

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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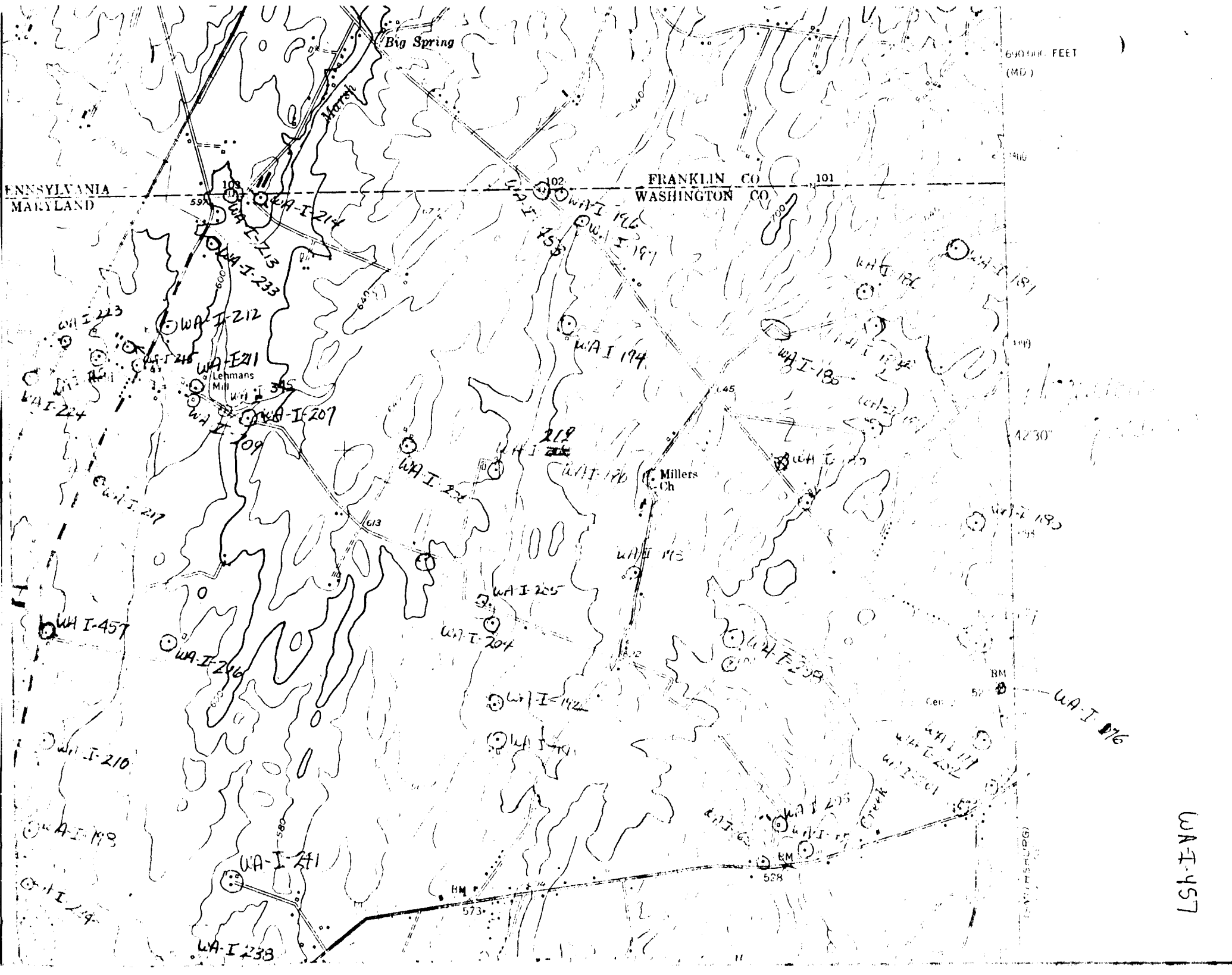
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